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Escalante Silver
Mine

January 22, 1991

Mr. Lowell P. Braxton
Associate Director, Mining
State of Utah
Department of Natural Resources
Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
355 West North Temple
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Salt Lake City, Utah 84180-1203

Dear Mr. Braxton:

I am in receipt of your letter of January 11, 1991 requesting surety in the amount of \$181,500 for the interim period until your board reviews our Self-Bond Application at the hearing on February 28, 1991.

Because this interim period is only about six weeks, I prefer not to take the time and effort to purchase a bond from a surety company. I suggest that Hecla purchase a certificate of deposit in the amount of \$181,500 and post the principal as surety for this interim period.

If this meets with your approval, please send necessary forms and instructions, and I will proceed to purchase the certificate of deposit upon their receipt.

Best regards,

Dave Wolfe
Assistant Treasurer

DFW/amh

c: M. B. White
P. B. Johnson
R. H. Wallace